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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOMALIA

Development of Civil Aviation Facilities and Services
(SOM/78/009)

Report of the Administrator

Date of present approval:	January 1979
Starting date of project activities:	January 1979
Planned completion date:	December 1981
To be executed by:	International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
Government implementing agency:	Ministry of Transport, Department of Civil Aviation
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$1 486 500
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. This new approval of UNDP/ICAO assistance in the area of civil aviation is to be viewed against the Government's over-all objective of developing airports and civil aviation services and facilities, so as to provide a sound basis for the establishment of safe and regular air transport operations between the different parts of the country as well as with the outside world.

2. A previous project, Airport Facilities Development (SOM/75/023), 1/ was approved in December 1976 for a period of two years to help to establish an efficient aeronautical telecommunications section in the Department of Civil Aviation. The project was to achieve the commissioning of new installations at the Mogadishu, Kisimayo and Hargeisa airports and to establish operational safety standards and procedures. Although

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considerable progress was achieved despite trained manpower shortages, at the end of this two-year period the immediate objectives had not been fully met. Further activities within the new project for UNDP/ICAO assistance will be carefully planned and standards of performance set, to be reviewed periodically with the Government, which will provide adequate support to the project to contain the past shortcomings.

II. Objectives and activities

3. Although the present project contributes a follow-up phase to the previous activities, immediate objectives of the previous project remain substantially unaltered. The present project, however, expands the scope of the assistance and places emphasis on training. It is concerned with the following two main disciplines in the area of civil aviation, namely: the regulation of administrative control of civil aviation operations; and the provision of ground facilities and services for civil flying operations. Among the immediate objectives are the improvement of the major airports at Mogadiscio, Hargeisa and Kisimayo to allow for safe and economic operations of larger aircraft; improvement of telecommunication facilities and radio navigational aids at airports and within the Somali airspace to meet international and safety requirements; improvement of lighting, visual aids and power supply at principal airports; and provision of qualified personnel through fellowships, in-service and on-the-job training.

4. To this end, the national and international staff working together will carry out a number of specific activities in the respective disciplines of aeronautical telecommunication engineering, radio workshop maintenance, radio field maintenance, electro-mechanical maintenance, aeronautical meteorology, airport meteorological instruments calibration, airport fire and rescue, aerodrome engineering air traffic control, aeronautical information service, operation and licensing and training.

III. Inputs

5. UNDP will provide, through the Executing Agency, for: the services of an aeronautical telecommunication adviser, a radio workshop maintenance expert, a radio field maintenance expert, an electro-mechanical maintenance expert, an aeronautical meteorologist, and consultants; United Nations volunteers, equipment and fellowships.

6. The Government will provide: a Director of Civil Aviation, Chief of Telecommunications, Director of Meteorology, Senior Radio Maintenance Technicians, two technicians in electro-mechanics and other senior personnel in the specialized fields for which consultancy services are going to be recruited; offices, workshops and stores, equipment, supplies and maintenance of project vehicles.

IV. Financial data

7. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

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Personnel	1 041 300
Training	295 400
Subcontract	30 000
Equipment	98 000
Miscellaneous	21 800
	1 486 500

8. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of inputs provided directly by the Government to the project is $342,000 in kind.

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